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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application Of:)
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Application Number: 09/987,196) Examiner: Jacqueline F. Stephens
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For: ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING ZONED AREAS OF HYDROPHILICITY

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicant is submitting herewith copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-SB/08A (modified) for consideration and to be made of record herein by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-captioned application.

The attached documents were cited by the US Patent Office in the International Search Report dated February 13, 2003 of the corresponding application and relevance is indicated on the enclosed copy of the Search Report.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1), the undersigned hereby certifies that each item contained in this Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Statement.

Consideration of the foregoing plus the prompt return of a copy of the enclosed Form SB/08A with the Examiner's initials in the left column in accordance with MPEP 609 are respectfully requested.

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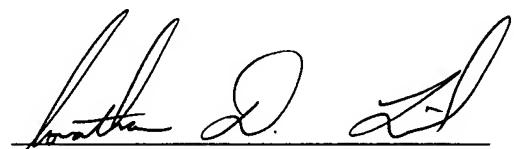
respectfully submitted that no fee is required for consideration of this information. However, in the event any fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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